



**Thursday 23rd February 2017**

# 7-12 NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN 2017

As a result of our significant enrolment growth, we are in a position to make a number of strategic investments across all campuses in key areas such as upgrading our ICT network and equipment, as well as purchasing new furniture and undertaking a number of projects involving new furniture, minor works, maintenance and repairs. Much work has been undertaken by our school leaders from all campuses as we have developed agreed priority lists to be presented to Governing Council at our first meeting next Monday evening. A broad range of projects can be funded including new furniture, air conditioners, painting of classrooms, ramps, carpet, blinds, shade area construction and so on. In the ICT area we will be looking to upgrade our network to improve the reliability of classroom internet access at all campuses. We are also intending to purchase new interactive screens for classrooms, replacement laptops for staff and student use, Chromebooks for our R-6 sites as well as looking at a better program for the future involving our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme.

### EFFECTIVE TEACHING AT EFS

Over the last few years EFS has introduced an extensive program around our teachers working ever more closely together in year level and faculty teams to improve all aspects of their work. This includes areas such as planning, creating more effective lesson structures, assessment and reporting. It is very important that in a large multi-campus school we can assure our parents and students that there will be a high level of consistency and best practice in our classrooms. One of the successful strategies that we have introduced involves teachers and leaders observing other teachers and providing immediate feedback and advice. This often involves short surveys where the students in the class also provide their teacher with feedback from their perspective.

As Principal of EFS, I make a point of observing all new teachers for a full 50 minute lesson during Term 1 each year. This year, as we have 21 new teachers on our team, this is a major undertaking. As I write this, I have completed six of these lesson observations, which means I have 15 more to schedule in the next seven weeks. Throughout the year other leaders and groups of teachers will be conducting their own peer observations with colleagues. It is certainly not yet a common practice in other Australian schools. As an educator, I thoroughly enjoy seeing our teachers approaching this program with such professionalism and a genuine

desire to continually improve their practice. There is nothing better for me than to watch great teachers at work, engaging our students in well prepared lessons and giving them every opportunity to achieve better learning outcomes.

During these first few weeks, all teachers, leaders and SSO's have also been having formal meetings to finalise their individual performance development plans. This process also assists us in achieving greater cohesion and shared purpose, as well as providing greater clarity and structured feedback for all members of staff. We conduct mid cycle reviews beginning in late Term 2 and at the end of the year all staff members receive written feedback from their respective line managers.

## ATTENDANCE

As we continue to focus our attention on improving the attendance rates for EFS students, our school leaders have been looking at different ideas we can adopt around monitoring and reporting of the attendance of each student. We are currently considering a new report sheet which could be sent home to parents and carers at the end of each term.

I am pleased to report that one of our all boys Year 9 Home Groups has made an excellent start with their attendance so far this year. They have an overall attendance rate of 98% for the first three weeks, which positions them well to achieve the 95% target we have set for all students in 2017.

Trevor Fletcher

**EASTERN FLEURIEU SCHOOL**  
A Public School of Educational Excellence on the Fleurieu Peninsula



# 7-12 Campus

11 Callington Road, Strathalbyn

## Open Night 2017

### Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

6pm - 8.30pm



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and Child Development

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CRICOS Provider Number

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## House Captain Profile

### ANGAS CAPTAIN



**Matthew**

**EFS Schooling:** 2014 to 2017

**Most memorable moment at an EFS sporting carnival:** Winning the Swimming Carnival

**Favourite athlete:** Brett Deledio/Michael Dawson

**Favourite song/artist:** Neck Deep

**My signature dish:** Cheese Toasties

**Proudest academic moment:** Getting an excellence award

**Proudest sporting moment:** Representing South Australia in Indoor Cricket

### ANGAS VICE CAPTAIN



**Joel**

**EFS Schooling:** 2004 to 2017

**Most memorable moment at an EFS sporting carnival:** Watching Mr Pawlowsky in all his glory run the 4x100m relay.

**Favourite athlete:** Russell Westbrook (Basketball, Oklahoma City Thunder)

**Favourite song/artist:** Closing Time/Semisonic

**My signature dish:** Salt & Pepper Squid.

**Proudest academic moment:** Awarded medal for top 1% in spelling in SA in 2011.

**Proudest sporting moment:** kicking the game winner on the siren for Strathalbyn over Langhorne Creek on Anzac Day.

**When I grow up I will be:** Lit fam! I'll study English Literature at University

## GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A notice has gone home this week to call for nominations for membership on the Governing Council.

Please keep an eye out for it.

All details are in the notice and nominations close on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.

**EASTERN FLEURIEU SCHOOL  
GOVERNING COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
at 6:30pm  
Resource Centre  
Strathalbyn 7-12 Campus  
11 Callington Road  
All parents and carers welcome**

# Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment. Your clinic is:  
**Murray Bridge School Dental Clinic**  
Phone: 8531 9300



## Have your say.....

### How accessible are the Alexandrina Libraries for you?

Please complete the survey online at: [mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

Or pick up a paper copy at: **any of the libraries at Goolwa, Strathalbyn, Port Elliot and Milang or at Mount Compass Area School.**

The information you provide will help to plan and deliver the best possible library services across the Alexandrina Council.

*The survey closes at 5pm on Monday 27 February 2017.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday—Friday	1st—3rd March	Year 8 Camp
Friday	10th March	Sports Day
Tuesday	14th March	Student Free Day
Wednesday	22nd March	Open Night
Monday	27th March	Governing Council AGM
Wednesday	29th March	Yr 8 Vaccinations

## 2017 TERM DATES

Term 1: 30th January - 13th April

Term 2: 1st May - 7th July

Term 3: 24th July - 29th September

Term 4: 16th October - 15th December

## SA Public Holidays

Australia Day 26th January

Adelaide Cup 13th March

Good Friday 14th April

Easter Monday 17th April

Anzac Day 25th April

Queen's Birthday 12th June

Labour Day 2nd October